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Identical letters dated 10 August 2015 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Resolution of the Parliament of Georgia, dated 24 July 2015, on the Recent Provocative Actions of the Russian Occupation Forces towards Georgia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 33.

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Resolution of the Parliament of Georgia on the Recent Provocative Actions of the Russian Occupation Forces towards Georgia

Following Russia's aggression towards Georgia and as a consequence of the August 2008 war, a significant part of Georgian territory continues to be occupied.

The presence and actions of the armed forces of the Russian Federation on the territory of Georgia contradict the principles of international law, among them the ceasefire agreement adopted with the mediation of the European Union.

In this complex situation, the aim of every branch of government is to ensure national and regional security, to increase the geopolitical importance of Georgia in the international arena, to strengthen the functioning of Georgia as a reliable and predictable partner, and to implement the strategy of Euro-Atlantic integration.

The general objectives set forth by the Parliament of Georgia to the Government are: to maintain sovereignty and to restore territorial integrity, to guarantee the protection of economic, social and civic rights for every citizen living on occupied territories, and to influence the development of joint international policies towards Georgia.

Having taken into consideration the priority of the above-mentioned goals and responsibility for regional and international security, despite radical divergences in political positions, the Government of Georgia has chosen a path of negotiation in order to normalize relations with the Russian Federation.

Of particular importance are public support for such governmental policies and the assurance that political and financial backing from partner countries and international organizations will be continued.

Current developments demonstrate that the policies of the Russian Federation towards its neighbouring countries, specifically towards Georgia, do not possess a sense of equal responsibility: on 10 July 2015, an additional section of the dividing line separating the Tskhinvali region/so-called South Ossetia from the rest of the territory of Georgia was marked by Russian military forces, leaving the villages of Khurvaleti and Tsitelubani on one side and the village of Orchosani on the occupied territory.

The situation has been even more aggravated by the fact that this provocative action carried out by the Russian Federation occurred near the highway connecting western and eastern Georgia, specifically on the section where a portion of the Baku-Supsa international pipeline is located.

Considering the above-mentioned, the Parliament of Georgia:

A. Condemns the aggressive action of the Russian Federation, which represents the continuation of a policy of infringement on Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, de facto annexation of the occupied Tskhinvali region, a blatant

disregard for human rights, property rights and freedom of movement, and a continuation of the policy of ethnic cleansing.

B. Emphasizes that the provocative action of the Russian Federation runs counter to Georgia's efforts to ensure regional and European security and represents an attempt to obstruct the country's European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

C. Calls on the Government of Georgia:

- To intensively pursue all available possibilities to communicate Georgia's position regarding the current situation to international organizations and partner countries, including within the framework of the United Nations Security Council and the Geneva International Discussions;
- To discuss with the European Union Monitoring Mission the reinforcement of patrols along the entire perimeter of the occupied territories in coordination with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the daily provision of information to the international community;
- To ensure the accurate accounting of material damage experienced by the population affected by the occupation in order to mobilize donor and budget funds to provide assistance to those in need and to intensify the activity of the inter-agency task force created in 2013;
- To discuss the issue of implementation of the treaty signed in 2011 between the Russian Federation and Georgia in the framework of the World Trade Organization.

D. Welcomes the decision of the Prime Minister to activate mechanisms to establish a strategy for conflict resolution issues and emphasizes the necessity of permanent coordination of efforts within the format of relevant committees and commissions of the Parliament.

E. Calls on the permanent parliamentary delegations to ensure the timely and regular provision of information to all relevant international organizations and delegations of member countries regarding the developments across the occupation line.

F. Expresses gratitude to every State and international organization and their leaders who have given objective assessments to the recent developments and who constantly support Georgia and protect its interests.

Kutaisi, 24 July 2015